

~~a second part defining a cross with a length defined between a pointed end and a flat end wherein the first part and the second part define the cylindrical body and further wherein the top end of the flexible hollow body is removably attached to the second part of the cylindrical body.~~

Please amend Claim 2 as follows:

2. The catheter of Claim 1 further comprising:

a locking mechanism located at the flat end of the cylindrical body wherein the first part and the removable second part are locked together.

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

3. The catheter of Claim 1 further comprising:

a cylindrical portion wherein the pointed end of the cylindrical body gradually tapers to the cylindrical portion.

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Please amend Claim 4 as follows:

4. The catheter of Claim 1 wherein the cylindrical body has sufficient structural strength to penetrate through skin and into a subcutaneous layer of a body.

Please amend Claim 5 as follows:

5. The catheter of Claim 1 further comprising:

a recessed portion along the length of the first part; and  
a protruding element defined in shape by a right angle located along the recessed portion of the first part.

Please amend Claim 6 as follows:

6. The catheter of Claim 1 further comprising:

a protrusion along the length of the removable second part of the cylindrical body wherein the recessed portion along the length

of the first part may readily accept the protrusion along the length of the removable second part.

Please amend Claim 7 as follows:

7. A catheter for placing within a body, the catheter comprising:  
a flexible hollow body defining a length between a top end and a bottom end wherein the top end is closed and wherein the top end tapers to a cylindrical tube;  
a diameter defined by the cylindrical tube;  
a width defined by the bottom end of the flexible body wherein the width is greater than the diameter;  
a locking mechanism located on the bottom end of the flexible body;  
a first notch located a distance from a point at which the top end meets the cylindrical tube;  
a second notch located a distance from the bottom end;  
a cylinder having a length defined between a pointed end and a second end wherein the top end of the flexible hollow body is removably attached to the pointed end of the cylinder;  
a first hole located a distance from the pointed end of the cylinder;  
a leg attached to the bottom end of the cylinder;  
a second hole located on the leg of the cylinder; and  
a thread connected to the cylinder from the second hole to the first hole.

Please amend Claim 8 as follows:

8. The catheter of Claim 7 further comprising:  
a groove cut into the cylinder having a length defined between the first hole and the pointed end.

Please amend Claim 9 as follows:

9. The catheter of Claim 7 further comprising:  
a locking mechanism located on the leg of the cylindrical body.

Please amend Claim 10 as follows:

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10. The catheter of Claim 7 further comprising:  
a cylindrical portion wherein the pointed end of the cylinder  
gradually tapers to the cylindrical portion.

Please amend Claim 11 as follows:

11. The catheter of Claim 7 wherein the cylinder has sufficient  
structural strength to penetrate through skin and into a  
subcutaneous layer of a body.

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Please amend Claim 15 as follows:

15. A method for introducing a catheter into a body of a patient  
wherein the body includes skin and a subcutaneous layer, the method  
comprising the steps of:

providing a flexible hollow body defining a length between a  
top end and a bottom end and having a notch located a distance from  
the top end;

providing a second notch located a distance from the bottom  
end;

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providing a first part having a length defined between a  
pointed end and a flat end;

providing a second part having a length defined between the  
pointed end and the flat end wherein the first part and the second  
part define a cylindrical body and further wherein the second part  
is removable;

providing a locking mechanism located at the flat end of the  
cylindrical body wherein the first part and the second part are  
locked together;

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piercing the skin and the subcutaneous layer of the body with the pointed end of the cylindrical body;

pushing the cylindrical body through the subcutaneous layer wherein the cylindrical body is exposed outside an exit site of the body;

removing the second part of the cylindrical body;

attaching the notch of the flexible hollow body to the first part of the cylindrical body;

pulling the first part of the cylindrical body and the flexible hollow body into the subcutaneous layer and the entry site; and

removing the first part of the cylindrical body from the flexible hollow body and pulling the flexible hollow body into the subcutaneous layer.

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Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

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16. The method of Claim 15 further comprising the step of:  
preventing the flexible hollow body from slipping.

Please amend Claim 17 as follows:

17. The method of Claim 15 further comprising the step of:  
suturing the flexible hollow body to the skin of the body.

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Please amend Claim 18 as follows:

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18. The method of Claim 15 further comprising the step of:  
attaching the flexible hollow body to the first part of the cylindrical body by placing the top end of the flexible hollow body on the first part of the cylindrical body.

Please amend Claim 19 as follows:

19. The method of Claim 15 further comprising the step of:  
securing the flexible hollow body to the first part of the cylindrical body with a thread.

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Please amend Claim 20 as follows:

20. The method of Claim 15 further comprising the step of:  
securing the flexible hollow body to the first part of the  
cylindrical body by fitting the flexible hollow body to a notch on  
the first part of the cylindrical body.

Please add new Claims 21-26 as follows:

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21. The catheter of Claim 1 wherein the flexible hollow body is  
constructed of a porous material.

22. The catheter of Claim 1 wherein the flexible hollow body has  
a plurality of holes.

23. The catheter of Claim 7 wherein the flexible hollow body is  
constructed of a porous material.

24. The catheter of Claim 7 wherein the flexible hollow body has  
a plurality of holes.

25. The catheter of Claim 15 wherein the flexible hollow body is  
constructed of a porous material.

26. The catheter of Claim 15 wherein the flexible hollow body has  
a plurality of holes.